the present incumbent. He was an aid on the staff of Commander-in-chief Palmer. He was pensions in 1889, and was president of the poard. He takes pleasure in saying that he was influential in placing the names of six hundred deserving veterans on the pension roll. He has not missed an encampment for twelve years. He is a candidate in this encampment for surgeon-

Comrade Jesse Chappell, delegate from the Department of Nebraska, was born in Brown county Indiana, Nov. 6, 1840. He enlisted as a private in Company D. Eighty-second Indiana, Aug. 15, 1862, and was discharged in 1865. With the modesty of thousands of native Hoosiers who carried a musket nearly three Years, this comrade is content to have it known that he "served with his regiment to the end." In 1869 he moved to Mahaska county, Nebraska, and in 1882 to Antelope county; in 1892 he made the city of Lincoln his home. He has taken an active part in Grand Army affairs for | and re-enlisted and veteranized for the war in

Comrade O. C. Bell, of Red Cloud, Neb., first saw the light of day in Indiana, as did several of the Nebraska delegation, being born in Galveston, Cass county, in 1847, when his parents lived on a farm. When eleven years of age be was put to the printer's trade in Kokomo. In December, 1863, when sixteen years of age, he enlisted in an Indiana regiment and served until the cause of the Confederacy was lost. He moved to Lincoin, Neb., in 1872, where he has achieved success. He was county clerk of Lancaster four years, and Deputy Secretary of State one term as a Republican. For years he has been an active member of the Grand Army in Nebraska. He is one of the younger men of the G. A. R. who will yet live many years to harass the Union-soldier haters.

Comrade A. C. Logan was born in Wood county, Ohio, in 1835; was brought by his parents to LaPorte county, Indiana, when an infant, and settled on a farm near Union Mills. In



1856 he left the farm and engaged in the businees of pharmacy at Union Mills. Aug. 4, 1862, he enlisted, and assisted in recruiting Company H. Eighty-seventh Indiana. The regiment was ordered to the front, by way of Louisville, Ky., reaching there about the 1st of September, where it was assigned to the Second Brigade of the Third Division of the Fourteenth Army Corps. On the organization of his company he was appointed sergeant, and three months later to first sergeant, and was commissioned first feutenant Sept. 20, 1863, to succeed Lieutenant Martin, who was killed at the battle of Chickamauga. His company and the regiment lost heavily in this battle, and he, with others, was detailed to return homeon recruiting service to fill the thinned ranks. He returned to his command the following March, having added seventeen recruits to his company, joining his regiment at Ringold, Ga., assuming command of the company, of which he was the only com-missioned officer during the campaign to At-lanta. He was detailed to command a foraging party from Atlanta to the sea and through the Carolinas. He had some sharp skirmishes with Wheeler's cavalry in Georgia and with Wade Hampton's forces in South Carolina, but succeeded in furnishing the regiment with provinder. He was mustered out with his regiment in June, 1865, at Washington. Soon after his return home he went to Momence, Ill., and engaged in different pursuits for a livelihood, remaining there until 1882, when he went to Creighton, Neb., a flourishing town in the northeastern part of the State, and engaged in the practice of law with O. W. Rice. Creighton is his present home. He is a delegate.

TEXAS. The Department of Texas was organized in 1885, and has since maintained a vigorous, if a small membership. The following biographies

show that the officers are men of affairs: Jno. W. Parks, commander of the Department of Texas, was bern in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, July 17, 1843. He enlisted April 16, 1861, at Philadelphia, not then eighteen years of age, as a private in Company F, Twenty-third Pennsylvania, for three months, and immediately after the expiration of term re-enlisted in

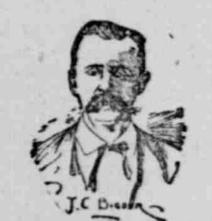


TOHN W. PARKS.

Company P. Twenty-eighth Regiment, as sergeant. This regiment had lifteen companies, and by order War Department was reduced to ten, and the last five made the basis of a new regiment, and numbered the One-hundred-andforty-seventh, of which Sergeant Parks was made sergeant-major by Col. Aris Pardee, jr. He was soon promoted to first lieutenant and later commissioned captain. Was mustered out July 15. 1865, as senior captain of the regiment and breveted major by request of Gen. Jno. W. Geary, then Governor of Pennsylvania. Heserved his country continuously from April 16, 1861. until July 15, 1865, and his several promotions in the field evidence the appreciation of his patriotism and services by his superior officers, of which official mention was made by them. He participated in every skirmish and engagement in which his regiment was engaged, and no command has a prouder record than the Twenty-eighth and One-hundred-and-forty-seventh Fennsylvania. In 1875 Captain Parks went to Texas to accept a position with the Texas & Pacific railway, and located at Marshall, where he has been in the employ of the company ever since in positions of trust and responsibility. A year ago he moved to Dallas to accept a promotion with the same company, and is now their general stock claim agent. Soon after the organization of the Department of Texas he joined Putnam Post, No. 38, as a charter member, and was elected its first commander, to which position be has been several times re-elected. In 1891 he was elected sentor vice commander of the department, and in 1893 was elected department commander by a handsome majority over four popular and distinguished opponents. He is and ever has been an active, zealous Grand Army man, and is ever willing and ready to do everything possible to advance the best interest of the order. The Department of Texas is growing rapidly, and is prospering under his able and energetic admin-

· John C, Bigger was born April, 1844, in Stark county, Ohio, moved to Freeport, Ill., in 1853, where he received a public school education. He enlisted Aug. 10, 1862, and served during the war in the Ninety-second Regiment of Hidnois





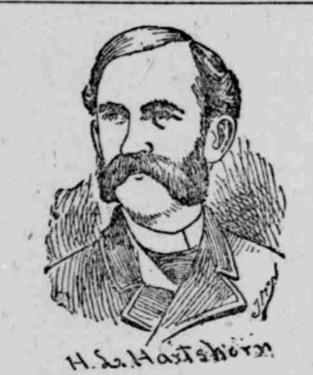
Mounted Infantry, First Brigade (Wilder's), Fourth Division, Fourteenth Army Corps. At the close of the war he entered the University of | Legislature in 1890 and 1891. He stands high Michigan, graduating therefrom in March, as a trial lawyer, and is one of the most eloquent rado several years and has been a Grand Army 1868. He located at St. Louis, where craters in the State. He is a member of organizer. practiced law till 1875, withthe exception of one year, when he was the law | mander of his department, and also past colpartner of the late Leland J. Webb, past com-

late for surgeon-general, but was defeated by practice of the law at Dalias, Tex., and has re- onel of the First Regiment West Virginia Nasided there ever since. He was the Republican candidate for Congress in the Dalias district in appointed United States examining surgeon for 1876, and again in 1884. He was United pensions in 1889, and was president of the States attorney for the Northern district of Texas during the Arthur administration. He joined the Grand Army in 1883, and is serving his third term as assistant adjutantgeneral. He was a candidate for junior vice commander-in-chief at the last National Encampment, and was defeated on the second ballot by a small majority. His name will be presented again for the same position at the twea-

ty-seventh National Encampment.
Comrade E. L. Witman, delegate from Texas, was born in Harrisburg, Pa., in 1838, enlisted at Harrisburg as a private in Company F. Twentyfifth Pennsylvania, in May, 1861, for three months and was mustered out Aug. 2, 1861. He re-entered the service as first lieutentapt, Company D. Forty-sixth Pennsylvania, Sept. 2, 1861, for three years. He was promoted to captain, same company and regiment, September, 1862, January, 1864. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel Sept. 27, 1864, and mustered out as colonel May 30, 1865. He served at first with Patterson on the upper Potomac, then with Banks in the Shenandoah, next with Pope, was in the great battles of Antietam and Gettysburg, after which his command was transferred to the Army of the Cumberland. He was wounded at Resaca, Ga. While colonel of the Twohandred-and-tenth Pennsylvania he was with the Fifth Corps, Army of the Potomac. He is in the engineering department of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Rallway Company, and is stationed at Denison, Tex.

NEW JERSEY. The Department of New Jersey was organized in December, 1867, and while it has not had a large membership it compares favorably, population considered, with most Eastern States, its membership being nearly eight thousand. H. L. Hartshorn is commander, and George Barrett, of Camden, A. A. G.

H. L. Hartshorn, commander of the Department of New Jersey, first enlisted in the Eighth Illinois, Col. Richard J. Oglesby, April 18, 1861, for three months, as private, and served at Cairo until July 25, 1861, when he was mustered out. He returned to his home in Boston, Mass., where, on Sept. 24, 1861, he enlisted as private in Company G, Twenty-fourth Massachusetts. He was soon promoted to corporal, and passed through the various grades of promotion from corporal, sergeant, color-bearer and first sergeant. He served continuously with the regiment, and participated in all the engagements during the campaign in North Carolina in 1862-3, and about Charleston, S. C., in the summer of 1863. In January, 1864, he re-enlisted as a veterau, and returned with his regiment from the furlough to Bermuda Hundreds, Va., and in the Army of



the James participated in all of its engage ments in front of Richmond and Petersburg, and until Lee's surrender. He was placed in command of Castle Thunder, a military prison in Richmond, until his muster out as captain of Company H, in January, 1866. He engaged in business in Richmond, Va., and was a charter member of Grant Post, No. 1, of Richmond. In 1867 he removed to Camden, N. J., where he now lives, and has continued his member-ship in the order. He has served with credit in many offices in the order. He was assistant adjutant-general to Gen. E. Burd Grubb, who was commander of the Department of New Jersey in 1888. He was again elected department commander of New Jersey, February, 1893, which position he now holds, and is a member of the present National Encampment. The Department of New Jersey stands in the front rank in interest in the order, and much of its success is due to the efforts of Commander Hartshorn.

WEST VIRGINIA. There have been times when it required "sand" in a man's make-up to be a Grand Army man in West Virginia. The department was first organized in 1868. Thereafter the State lapsed into control hostile to Union men, and the organization was abandoned, to be revived in February. 1883. The membership is now 2,800, and An-

thony Smith is commander and R. H. Freer

A. A. G. Department Commander Anthony Smith is a native of Beaver county, Pennsylvania; was born Jan. 9, 1844. At the time of his enlistment, Aug. 14, 1862, in Company F, Fourteenth West Virginia, he was living in Tyler county, West Virginia, where he had settled with his parents in 1848. He took part in the battles of Hedgeville and Cloyd Mountain, having fired the first shot



in the latter battle. His brother was killed in this fight, May 9, 1864, and at the the latter place was captured by General Morgan's command. He was held as a prisoner at Saltville, Lynchburg and Danville, Va., and on June 3, 1864, entered Andersonville, leaving hope behind. He remained there until September, when he was taken to Savannah and from there to Millin, thence to Biacksheare, where he and one Ewell made their escape, traveling for five nights and getting within twelve miles of Brunswick, Ga, where he was recaptured and taken back, Dec. 25, 1864, to Andersonville. In the April following he was taken, with others, to Florida, where he was released April 28, 1865, by reason of the war being over. He was honorably discharged June 20, 1865. Comrade Smith's father was also a Union soldier and lost his life in the service of his country. Comrade Smith has served his State three sessions in the House of Delegates and two in the State Senate, receiving the unantmous vote of his party for Speaker of the House in 1891. He was the nominee of his party in 1888 for presidential elector and is now prosecuting attorney of Tyler county, West Virginia.



He has been an active Grand Army man ever since its organization. He has been post con mander for many years, delegate to the National Encampment in 1888, and has held the office of junior vice commander and senior vice department commander, and at the last department encampment was quantmously elected department commander. He is a farmer and lawyer, and always takes a deep interest and active part in public affairs.

Romeo H. Freer, assistant adjutant-general, was born in November, 1847, in Trembull county, Ohio; attended the common schools and enlisted in the Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry in 1863, and served as a private in that regiment and the One-hundred-and-seventyfirst Ohio during the war. He located in Charleston, W. Va., in 1866, read law and was admitted to the bar in 1868. He was elected prosecuting attorney in 1870, and in 1872 appointed United States consul to Nicaragua by President Grant, which position he resigned in 1876. He removed to Ritchie county in 1883, and is at present prosecuting afforney of his county, and has an extensive practice. He was a member of the erators in the State, He is a member of organizer.

Kreyendall Post, No. 36, past junior vice comonel of the West Virginia Division Sons of Vet- lilinois Volunteers, which was a famous regi-

tional Guard, having been in the National Guard since 1878 as sergeant, captain, major and col-

COLORADO AND WYOMING. The Department of the Mountains, of which the present name is the Department of Colorado and Wroming, was organized in December, 1879. It has a membership of about 2,500. Rev. Myron W. Reed is commander, and W. T.

S. May, of Denver, assistant adjutant-general. "The man whom the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, Grand Army of the Republic, has honored with an election as its commander." says the Denver Coloradan, "is one whose selec-

Denver in 1880, where he promises an old soldier a little better bargain in real estate than any living man. "The Grand Army is made up of the best people on earth" is his expression. He is a member of the Loyal Legion. W. H. Conley, chief of staff to Myron W. Reed, Department of Colorado and Wyoming, entered the service at the original organization of Company B, Sixth Michigan Infantry (late Heavy Artiflery), Aug. 20, 1861. The regiment, during its term of service, met the enemy at Sewal's Point, Va.: Fort Jackson, La.; Vicksburg, Miss.; Grand Gulf, Miss.; Amite River, Miss.; Baton Rouge, La.: Bayou Tesch, during the siege of Port Hudson, La.; Fort Morgan, Ala; Fort Blakely, Ala.; Fort Huger and many other places. He was wounded in action June 14, 1863; promoted second lieutenant Aug. 23, 1864;



REV. MYRON W. REED, OF COLORADO,

not confined to Denver or Colorado, but is coextensive with the boundaries of the United States. There are few men who have been more uniformly successful in their chosen calling. There are none who more richly merit the honor of their fellow-citizens in all ranks of life. "The family of Myron Reed has been in this country for two hundred and fifty years, his ancestors having left behind him the home of the family in Inverness, Scotland, in 1642, in the brig True Love, which landed its passengers at Old Rhehoboth, Massachusetts. Like most of the older families of New England, the military record of Mr. Reed's ancestors runs side by side with its civil career. The first American ancestor participated in the old Franch war. Mr. Reed's grandfather was an officer in the revolutionary war and was with Arnold and Montgomery at Quebec. His father, as a boy of sixteen, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and among his reminiscences was one march of fifty-six miles in one day, crossing Lake Champlain and fighting in the battle of Plattsburg on the following day. For his services in this war a special act of Congress gave him 160 acres of land. But land was cheap then, and the old soldier valued it so lightly that he gave it away. It will be seen, therefore, that the ancestry of Commander Reed was all that it

"The subject of this sketch was born in Barnard. Windsor county, Vermont. Concerning his education he says, in his quaint way, that he received it in the district school and in St. Lawrence Academy at Potsdam, N. Y., and in the army. In June, 1862, he enlisted as a private in the Eighteenth Michigan Infantry, from which he was mustered out as captain in July, 1865. He then re-entered the Chicago Theological Seminary, graduating in 1868. His first city charge was the First Congregational Church of New Orleans, where he remained four years. He then became pastor of the Olivet Congrega-tional Church, of Milwaukee, remaining there four years. This was followed by seven years



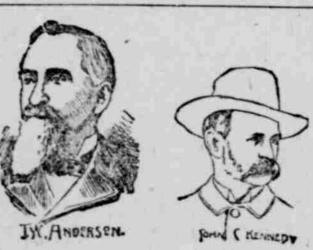
as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis, in which ex-President Harrison was a member of the session. He is now in his tenth year as pastor of the First Congregational Church of this city.

"With his life in Denver readers of the Coloradan are tolerably familiar. For the most part his time, outside of his pastoral work, has been employed to the work of organized charity, for which he has a strong taste, and in which he has developed a remarkable ability. He is no v president of the Denver Charity Organization Society, which includes in its circle seventeen charitable societies, Hebrew, Catholic and Protestant; is president of the State Board of Charities; presided over the National Conference of Charities and Corrections in 1892; is president of the Colorado Branch Indian Rights Association; vice president of the Colorado Humane Society chaplain of the Colorado National Guard, and chairman of the State Board of Control of the Convert of the Good Shepherd. He is also chap-lain of the Colorado Commandery Military Order of the Loyal Legion, and served one term as national chaplain of the Grand Army of the Re-

"While not a politician, he has strong political convictions, and in consequence of these was pominated for Congress by the Democrats in 1886, and was defeated by 803 votes. In 1892, while absent from the city attending the Nation-



al Encampment, G. A. R., he was again nomi-nated for Congress by the People's party, Silver Democrats and Cleveland Democrats, a nomination which he declined, but for which he would now be a member of Congress, and vote for silver free coinage, ratio 16 to 1. "Commander Myron Reed is a busy man. His life is full of activity; his time is always at the disposal of those who need it for purposes of charitable benevolence. He was never known to decline a call in this direction, especially if the call was for the purpose of ameliorating the condition of the needy among his old comrades. It was this fact that led to his selection as cemmander of this department, an honor which he appreciates the more as it was the outcome of that spirit of fraternity among the old soldiers of which he is so striking an example." Past Department Commander Kennedy left school in Pennsylvania when the war broke out,



returned to his home in Illinois and enlisted in the Thirteenth Illinois Cavalry. He rose by merit to the rank of captain when he was mustered out in September, 1865. He has been in Colo-

Comrade J. W. Anderson was assistant adjutant general last year. He enlisted in the Tenth mander-in-chief Sons of Veterans, at Winfield, erans, and judge advocate-general of the Nation- ment. He was with it in all its fighting, re-en-

tion confers an equal honor, as his reputation is | first lieutenant Nov. 25, 1864, and was mustered out Aug. 20, 1865. Comrade W. T. S. May is assistant adjutantgeneral. He resides and practices his profession of attorney at law at Denver. He was sergeant of Company G, First O. V. I., and was severely wounded and left on the field of Stone River for dead, Dec. \$1, 1862,

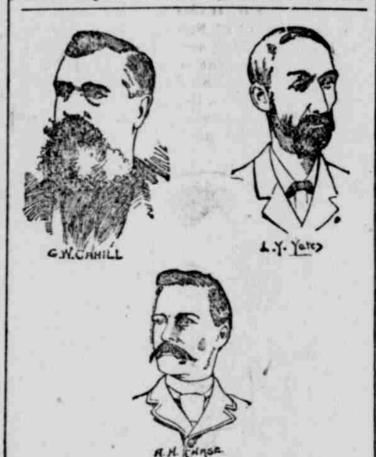
> KANSAS. The Department of Kansas was organized in December, 1866, and reorganized in March. 1880. If the veterans in Kansas who belonged to Indiana, Illinois and Ohio regiments should leave the Grand Army there would be a voia. Owing to the fact that the veterans are largely farmers the Grand Army in Kansas is not as



number of ex-soldiers living there. The membership a year ago was reported to be 5,793. Rev. Barnard Kelley is department commander, and A. B. Campbell assistant adjutant-general.

Comrade Bernard Kelly, commander of the
department, was born in Virginia, from which State his parents removed, at an early day, to Ohio, where his early life was spent. When quite a young man his parents removed to Illinois, and from that State Commander Kelly enlisted in the Union army as first lieutenant of Company F One-hundred-and-third Illinois Volunteers. He enlisted Oct. 2, 1862, and served three years. On May 1, 1863, he was promoted to the position of captain of his company, and was mus-

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On the 28th day of May, 1864, at Dallas, Ga., he received a gunshot wound in action, as the result of which he was granted a twenty days' leave of absence, but not recovering from his wounds, still being on crutches, he was honorably discharged from the service Oct. 13, 1864, on account of physical disability occasioned from the wound received. After the close of the war he became a minister in the Methodist Church, in which honorable and high calling he has been engaged in the State of Kansas for more than twenty years. At the beginning of the administration of President Harrison he was appointed pension agent for the Kansas agency. He has served in that capacity now for nearly four years and still cocupies this position. He served one term as chaplain of the Department of Kansas, Grand Army of the Republic, several years ago, and was elected department commander at Pittsburg, Kan., last February. He is a robust man,



fifty-two years of age, and very strong intellectually. He is a magnificent public speaker, has the cause of the Grand Army of the Republie at heart, and knows more about pension mat-ters than perhaps any other public man in the West. He is constantly engaged in holding reunions and camp fires in his department, and with his splendid equipment will undoubtedly make himself heard and felt in the National En-

Comrade A. M. Russell was born in Hunts-burg, Geauga county, Ohio, April 7, 1847. He went to Iowa in 1853; entisted in Company I. father and two uncles being in the same company. He served three years and one day; was in eighteen battles and sixty-seven skirmishes; was slightly wounded at Pocahontas, Tenn., Jan. 3, 1864; was discharged as a private, having held no other rank, except that of being the "regimental baby," being the youngest in the regiment. He joined Post No. 3, G, A. R. in lowa City, September, 1866, and is now one of the charter members of Capt. Lewis Stafford Post, No. 225, G. A. R. of Kansas, and of Boomer Camp, No. 155, S. of V., of Kansas, and Division. He is a past post commander, and was aid on Gen. W. G. Venzey's staff; was elected delegate to Detroit engaged in business.

teacher for twenty-two years, and, having learned the jeweler's trade, he and his daughter for Atlanta and marched to the sea. He went to are engaged in that business now. He has lived in Jefferson county, Kansas, since March 24, 1873. He is a delegate to the encampment, and Mrs. Russell is a delegate to the National meeting of the Ladies of the G. A. R. Delegate-at-large Coulter, of Kansas, at the

age of fourteen entered the Fiftieth Illinois in

1863. He served through the Atlanta cam-

paign, was in the march to the sea, and was at

lohnston's surrender. He was mustered out in July, 1865, before he was sixteen years of age. never having been absent from duty. He joined the G. A. R. in 1882, and has been prominent in Grand Army matters ever since. In 1888 he | Siege of Yorktown Hanover Courthouse, was assistant adjutant-general of the Department of Kansas. In that capacity he did much to put the organization upon a sound and effective footing. The post which he instituted in 1890 took the prize at the Atchison encampment as the banner post in galus and efficiency. He has been the successful editor and publisher of the Western Vet- at Fredericksburg and again at Spottsylvania, eran, the popular soldiers' paper beyond the Mississippi, which has recently been removed from Topeka, Kan., to Kansas City, Mo. He has

deserved the success which his paper has at-Comrade R. W. Wright, of Oswego, is a full record veteran from an Eastern State, who went to Kansas years ago to make a home and has been successful. He has taken an active interest in Grand Army matters for years. Comrade L. R. Yates was born in Lincoln county, Kentucky, in May, 1837, was educated

in Stanford Seminary; in 1854 began the study of medicine and graduated with the degree of M. D. from the University of Louisville, March 1. 1857. He practiced medicine in Stanford Ky., until August, 1862, when he enlisted as a private in the Sixth Kentucky Cavalry. In September, 1862, he was promoted to first lieutenant, and was engaged with his regiment in all the battles and skirmishes in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, ending with the battle of Chickamauga, Sept. 19 to 21, 1863. He resigned on March 1, 1864, to accept a commission as acting assistant surgeon U.S. A., and was acsigned to duty in general hospital No. 14, at Nashville, and resigned May 1, 1865. He was in the United States revenue service in Kentucky from 1869 until 1877. In December, 1877, he removed to Hiawatha, Kan., and has been engaged in the drug and book business until the present time. He is a delegate.

Comrade George N. McKey, of Howard, Kan., served one of the longest periods on record in connection with the Union army, enlisting in Company A, First Iowa Cavalry, June 13, 1861, and serving until March 16, 1866. He was born in Mount Vernon, O., in 1841, removed to Keokuk, Ia., in 1856, and to Howard, Kan., in 1871. He has been prominent in Grand Army matters, and is a member of the council of administration. He has been a delegate to several national encampments. He is now president of the How-ard National Bank and of the Malone State

Comrade George W. Cahill, a Kansas member of the encampment, was born in Madison, Ind., in February, 1844. He got into the service early as a member of Company B, Twelfth Indiana, and saw its first service. Before he left Indiana he was a good G. A. R. man, being commander of post No. 11, located in Greencastle. Comrade ill moved to Cherryvale, Kan., Nov. 7, 1884. and proved himself a good comrade by joining town a full week. He is one of the thousands of men who have made Kansas richer and Indiana poorer by leaving the latter to find a home in the

Comrade A. H. Chase was born Dec. 22, 1848. in Vermont. He culisted at the age of fourteen years, in the spring of 1863, in Company D. Eleventh Vermont. He participated in all the battles, from Gettysburg to Lee's surrender, iacluding Sheridan's campaign in the Valley and the capture of Lee. He was mustered out June 25, 1865; was a private and carried a gun every day, except while away with wounds, of which he received five. He served in the famous Vermont brigade known as Second Brigade, Second Division, Sixth Corps. Comrade Chase is serving his third term as clerk of the District Court in Wichita county. So excellent a soldier as Comrade Chase's brief record shows him to be is an active Grand Army man. He is a delegate.

TLLINOIS. Illinois accepted the honorable position of the right of the line in the Grand Army column, being organized July 12, 1866. For several years no department convention was held, but the organization was kept alive by a few faithful posts. The department is now a vigorous one, the membership being about 33,500. The department commander is Edward A. Blodgett, and the assistant adjutant-general is Fred W. Spink, of Chicago, who, in his zeal to furnish information about other members of the delegation, overlooked himself.

Department Commander Edward A. Blodgett is a full service veteran of the State of Lincoln and Grant. He enlisted in Company D, Thirtyto the Ninety-sixth Volunteers in 1862, commissioned first lieutenant and adjutant, and mus-



tered out with the regiment June 10, 1865. He saw his first fight at Pea Ridge, and was with the Army of the Cumberland in all of its engagements up to and including the last battle of Nashville. Since the war Major Blodgett has been successfully engaged in business in Chicago, and has taken an active part in Grand Army atters. He was chosen department mander by a unanimous vote. He is a younger brother of the esteemed jurist, Judge Blodgett, late of the United States Circuit Court. He is a member of the Loyal Legion. Senior Vice Department Commander Elisha B, Hamilton, of Quincy, Ill., was born at Carthage.

Ill., Oct. 5, 1838, and raised a farmer boy. He entered Illine's College, at Jacksonville, in October, 1856, and graduated in June, 1860. In 1878 the college conferred upon him the honorary degree of A. B. He enlisted as a private in Company B, One-hundred-and-eighteenth Illinois, in August, 1862, and was mustered into United States service with the regiment as quartermaster - sergeant, commissioned first lieutenant Company B, to rank from Nov. 14.



1963, and served continuously with his regiment until Oct. 13, 1865, when the regiment was mus-tered out. He was with his regiment in Sherman's first attack upon Vicksburg, in Grant's campaign against, and the siege and capture of, Vicksburg, the slege and capture of Jackson, Miss., a campaign to the gulf, and also one into western Louisiana and numerous other expeditions. He commenced reading law at Quincy in 1866, and was admitted to the bar in 1869. He was appointed surveyor of customs of the port of Quincy by President Johnson in 1868, and reappointed by President Grant in 1872. He was connected with the Illinois National Guard from 1872 to 1887, serving in the positions of lieu-tenant, captain, colonel and brigadier general. He rendered efficient service at East St. Louis in the strike of 1877, for which Governor Cullom appointed him brigadier general and chief of artillery of the State. He was also inspector-general of Illinois on the staff of Governors Cution. Hamilton and Oglesby, until in 1887, he resigned and moved to Kansas City, Mo., where he resided three years and returned to Quincy, Ill. He is a prominent member of the bar of Illinois, and practicing his profession at Quincy. He was went to Iowa in 1853; entisted in Company I, commander of Geo. H. Thomas Post, No. 8, at Thirty-fifth Iowa Infantry, in August, 1862, his Kansas City, Mo.; of John Wood Post, 96, at Quincy, Ill. He was a delegate to the National Encampment at Washington. At the last encampment of the Department of Illiuois, was elected senior vice commander. He is a member of the Loyal Legion Commandery of Illinois and Society of the Army of the Tennessee, and politically a Republican

Brevet Brigadier General M. R. M. Wallace saw full service during the war in an Illinois regiment, rising from a subordinate rank to the command of his regiment, and was brevetted for meritorious service. He is a delegate to the encampment, and resides in Chicago, where he

member of the Grand Army, and served with credit a fuil term in an Illinois regiment. Comrade Freeman Conner, past commander of George H. Thomas Post, No. 5, of Chicago, chief of staff of the Department of Illinois, was born at Exeter, N. H., and was a member of the original Elisworth's Zouaves. He enlisted April, 1861, and was mustered as first lieutenant Eleventh New York Volunteer Infantry, and resigned August, 1861. Mustered in August, 1861, as captain of Company D. Forty-fourth New York Volunteer Infantry, promoted major, lieutenant colonel and colonel, mustered out Oct. 11, 1864. He participated with his regiment in the following battles: First Bull Run, Gaines Mills, Turkey Island Bend, Malvern Hill, second Bull Run, Antietam, Shepherastown Ford, Fredericksburg, Middleburg, Gettysburg, Jones's Cross Road, Wapping Heights, Rappahannock Station, Mine Run. Wilderness, Spottsylvania Courthouse, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad. He was wounded where the regiment had three commanders in twenty minutes: was promoted from major to eutenant colonel by orders from Fifth Corps headquarters for "gallant and meritorious conduct on the field of battle," subject to the ap

vere wound received at Fredericksburg, and, when able to rejoin his regiment, was reinstated by order of President Lincoln, the vacancy being held open for him. Junior Vice Department Commander W. C. Ridgway, of Illinois, was born Dec. 24, 1841, in Mausfield, O., and went to Illinois in the fall of

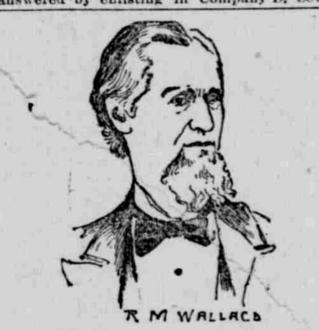
proval of the Governor. He was honorably dis-

charged by War Department on account of se-



His father is still living there, and is now in his eighty-first year. His father was a physician, and in the drug business, and he has followed in his footsteps. In the service Comrade Ridgway was connected with the medical department. He was first a medical cadet in Hospital No. 12, Louisville, Ky. In the fall of 1863, by the advice of Medical Director Goldsmith, he resigned his place to attend medical lectures at Chicago. the spring of 1864 he enlisted in the Onehundred-and-thirty-sixth Illinois Volunteers The State reports show him as hospital steward of the regiment, but he served as assistant surgeon. Dr. Ridgway is a druggist in Mount Carmel, where he is a most effective member of the

Grand Army. Comrade H. H. McDowell, of Pontiac, Ill., is a native of Indiana, but went to Livingston coun ty, Illinois, in 1850, with his mother and a large family of children and took up a farm. In 1858 he returned to Thorntown, Boone county, Indiana, and took the course in the seminary pre-paratory to entering Wabash College. In the spring of 1861 the first gun fired at Sumter was answered by enlisting in Company B, Seven-



eenth Indiana, Col. Milo S. Hascall command ing. His early military training was in Camp Morton, at Indianapolis, when the regiment was mustered into service in June, and was numediately sent to the front in the valley of West Virginia. It participated in the engagements at Elk Water, Cheat Mountain and Green Brier. The first dead rebel Comrade McDowell saw was Col. John A. Washington, of General Lee's staff, killed by Seventeenth Indiana boys at Elk Water. Health falling, he was discharged from service in November following, and returned home to Illinois, remaining till the call for 300,-000 men in July, 1862, when he assisted in organizing the One-hundred-and-twenty-ninth Illinois, and was mustered into that organization as sergeant major. The regiment was ordered to, at once, join Buell's army at Louisville, and moved from there to Crab Orchard, via Frankfort, Perryville, Bowling Green, and on to Nashville. On the reorgan ization of the army in the Wauhatchie valley, in the spring of 1864, the regiment became one of

the five famous regiments that made up the First Brigade, Third Division, Twentieth Corps. The brigade was commanded by Gen. Wm. T. Wood, and later by ex-President and General Harrison. He was in all the movements of the army from Chattanooga to Atlanta, and, under Hooker, encountering more careless fellows about handling guns than was desirable. After the fall of Atlanta, and before commencing the march to the sea (having, early in the winter of 1863, been promoted to a lieutenancy.) He was ordered on staff duty at brigade headquarters, and served in that capacity to the close of the war, a part of the time on the staff of General Harrison. He was in the march from Atlanta to the sea, up through the Carolinas to Goldsboro, in the last battles participated in by Sherman's grand army, Amysboro and Bentonville, on to Rolla and at the surrender of Johnston marched to Washington city, and was in the grand review. He was mustered out in June, 1865, having

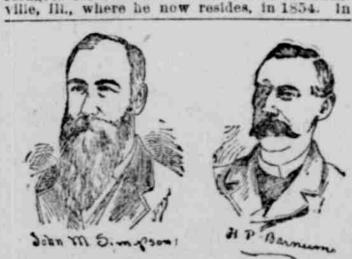


served nearly four years. Always try to be present and touch eibows with the boys at State and national encampments. In politics am Republican from choice and principl Comrade Henry P. Barnum was bern in Canada, removed to Illinois with his parents when less than two years old. He enlisted Aug. 15, 1862, at the age of sixteen years as a private in Company C. Ninety-sixth Illinois, was wounded at Chickamauga Sept. 20, 1863, the ball entering just in front of the right ear, coming out on the left side of the nose, breaking his jaw and severing the lower part of his nose, except a shred on each side, so that the tip of his nose hung down on his lip. Reporting for duty again in nine weeks he was wounded a second time in the face at Kenesaw Mountain June 20, 1864; this time ball struck him on the left cheek, directly opposite the first wound, and, passing squarely through his head, came out at the front of the right cheek bone, leaving a hole au Inch by an inch and a haif, fractured his jaw on both sides, and destroyed the sight of his right eye. Mr. Barnum, doubtless, is the only man living who was shot twice through the head. His wounds are evidence that he turned the left cheek after being smitten on the right. He was mustered in to the G. A. R. Jan. 1, 1884, as a charter mem-

post in the Department Encampment each year since 1888. He is a representative to the National Encampment. John Barclay Ried was born in County Donegal, Ireland, in 1830. His ancestors were refugees from Scotland. He settled in Green-

ber of Wankegan Post, No. 374. Department of

Illinois. He has been a representative of his



thirtleth Illinois and was commissioned major. At the battle of Sabine Crossroads, during Banks's Red river expedition, Colonel Ried was severely wounded through the shoulder and lung. He was taken prisoner and after three months was parolled. After he was exchanged be returned to the command of his regiment in New Orleans and participated in the campaign which resulted in the surrender of Gen. Dick of that committee in officially notifying Gen. delegate to Detroit encampment, but was pre- Comrade John M. Simpson, of Peoria, is a del- Tayler's army. Before his entering the service Benj. Harrison of his nomination to the prest vented from going by sickness. He has been a gate to the encampment. He has been an active he had been chosen clerk of the Circuit Court.

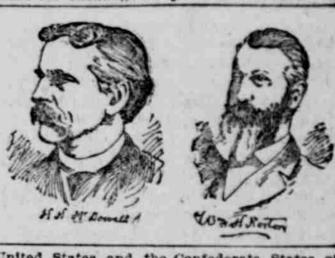
but while in the service his friends had reelected him, a deputy discharging the duties, In addition to the severe wound mentioned, Colonel Ried was wounded at Vicksburg, May 22, 1863. His fellow-citizens have showed their appreciation of his patriotic efforts by frequent elections to county offices and by presenting him with an elegant sword. Comrade Lawson E. Kilborn, of Marshall, was born in Canada, in 1835, but was brought to

New York State in infancy. In 1853 the family

located at Lafayette, Ind. When eighteen years



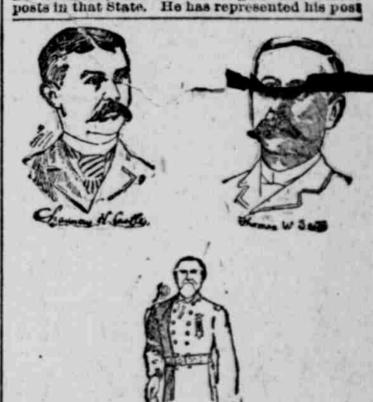
rade Kilborn was principal of the Central school in Lafayette. In 1862 he enlisted in Company E. Seventy-second Regiment, in which he was commissioned second lieutenant, and promoted through intervening grades to major. serving with distinction, his regiment being one of the four comprising Wilder's brigade. In October, 1863, he was captured, but escaped the second night. Subsequently, with six men, he captured the notorious Captain Gurley, who killed General McCook the year previous, and his brother, for which he was warmly commended by General Crook. He was subsequently detached to command scouts at headquarters, but after a few months' service, at his request. he was relieved and returned to his regiment, where he served to the end. Since the war he has been a most successful teacher and superintendent of public schools. Since 1874 he has lived in Marshall, where he was principal of the High School for seven years. He continued in other schools until last spring, when he retired in order to devote all his time to the Clark County Herald, the Republican county paper, which has prospered under his management. Major Kilborn is a prominent member of the Christian Churcu. Comrade William H. Norton, of Earlville, Ill., delegate, was born in Somerset county, Maine, October, 1831. He moved to Illinois in October, 1849, and enlisted in Company D. Twenty-third Illinois, April 22, 1861. He was discharged by general order to muster out the whole regiment because, being paroled, there was no agreement for exchange of prisoners between the



United States and the Confederate States of America, October, 1861. He re-enlisted Aug. 15, 1862, in Company A. One-hundred-and-fourth Illinois, and served with it until Novem-ber, 1864, when he was discharged for disability incurred in the services. Comrade Norton has been an active Grand Army man, and is postmaster of Earlville.

Comrade Chauncey H. Castle, of John Wood Post No. 96, Quincy, was born in Columbus, Ill., July 10, 1843. He enlisted in Company I, Seventythird Illinois, Aug. 8, 1862, which regiment was in Sheridan's division during all the time of his connection with the Army of the Cumberland. He was acting serteant major during the/Chattanooga campaign, and received four gimsho wounds at Chickamauga, and was discharged on account of wounds in October, 1864. Comrade Castle is now president of the Comstocks Castle Stove Company, the Mulliner Box and Planing Company, the Elks Club, of Quincy, and of the Isbell & Iron Mountain railroad. His hands are full of affairs, but he yet has time to devote to the interests of the Grand Army, of which he has long been an influential member. He is a delegate in the encampment.

Comrade Charles F. Webb, of Bloomington, Ill., was born Sept. 20, 1848, in Piqua, O., and en-listed in the spring of 1864 in Company C, Onehundred-and-forty-seventh Ohio, as a drummer, being less than sixteen years of age. He is charter member of William T. Sherman Post, 146, G. A. R., Department of Illinois, located at Bloomington, one of the largest and oldest posts in that State. He has represented his post



in his department encampment for ten consecutive years, and was an alternate from Illinois to the National Encampment at Washington in 1892. Comrade Webb is the agent of the Big Four railroad at Bloomington, which position he has held for over twenty years. He is an enthusiastic Grand Army man

Comrade W. H. Brydges, of Elgin, Ill., was born in England, May 19, 1840. At an early age he was left an orphan and came to this country with his grandparents. The family settled on afarm near Rockford, Ul., in the spring of 1850, but subsequently removed to the city. After spending several years as a student and teacher he, in July, 1862, enlisted in the Seventy-fourth Illinois Infantry. In September, 1865, he resumed teaching in the city of Elgin, Ill., being successively principal of the academy, principal of the high school and superintendent of the city schools. Comrade Brydges still resides in Elgin and is a member of Veteran Post, No. 49, of that city. He has held various offices in his post, and for the last six years has represented it in the State Encampment. He is aid-de-camp on the staff of the commander-in-enief, department in-spector and delegate to the National Encamp-

Comrade C. B. Fenton, of Danville, Ill., was born near Erie, Pa., in February, 1841. His parents moved to Conneaut, O., when he was a child. He joined the Second Ohio Battery of Light Artillery and was mustered into the army Aug. 17, 1861, for a term of three years, this being soon after the battle of Wilson's Creek. Fears were entertained for the safety of St. Louis, and the battery was sent there. It was with General Freemont in his campaign at Springfield, Mo., in 1861, and with General Curtis at the battle of Pea Ridge, Ark., March 6, 7 and 8. 1862. At this battle it reinforced General Carr and was placed in a very critica position about a mile in advance of the line of



souri Infantry for support. While there it re-

pulsed three charges made by General Price, with a large force, but after dark the battery was ordered to return to the line of battle. After this battle the battery was sent to Batesville, Ark. Here General Curtis abandoned his base of supplies and made his famous march through Arkansas to Helena, in July, 1862. Comrade Fenton is aid-de-camp to Commander-in-chief Weissert, also commander of Kenesaw Post, 77, and a delegate to the National Encampment. Comrade Thomas W. Scott, delegate at large, was born near Danville, Ill. He enlisted at Olney, and served nearly four years. He was four times promoted for gallant and meritorious conduct in battle, and, at the time of his muster out, at Nashville, July, 1865, was acting assistant adjutant-general on the staff of Major General Eli Long, commanding the Second Division, Cavalry Corps, Military Division of the Mississippi. At the close of the war he returned to Olney, Hi., where he engaged in mercantile business. Soon after the organization of the Grand Army of the Re-public, by Maj. B. F. Stephenson, in 1866, he as-sisted in organizing a post at Olney, and became commander of the same, and from 1884 to 1892 was assistant quartermaster-general of the Department of Illinois. He is a member of the Military Order of the Loval Legion in Illinois. He is now residing at Fairfield, Ill., and is president of the Bank of Fairfield and a merchant there. He was four years postmaster in his town. Comrade Scott was a delegate from his district to the national Republican convention held at Chicago in 1888, and was the member from his State on the notification committee which met in Indianapo-

lis July 4, and participated in the proceedings

